

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for re-accommodating passengers who are unable to travel on scheduled flights by an airline, comprising the steps of:

identifying passengers who must be re-accommodated;

for each identified passenger, obtaining passenger data including a frequent flyer status, a remaining unflown ticket value, a rebooking cost, a passenger lifetime value to the airline, and customer relationship management data, and flight operations data including flight schedule and seat availability on the airline and competitor airlines, wherein the rebooking cost includes payments required to another airline and any cost of meal and hotel reimbursements;

processing the passenger data and the flight operations data based on a set of rules including at least one among a rule for arranging said identified passengers according to a descending revenue impact to the airline, a rule for arranging said identified passengers according to passenger frequent flyer status, and a rule for arranging said identified passengers according to a lifetime value of each passenger, wherein the processing is to be completed in a timely fashion in order to avoid additional costs including meal and hotel accommodation cost;

displaying re-accommodation candidates as a result of the processing; and

selecting passengers for re-accommodation from the re-accommodation candidates.

2-6. (Cancelled).

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said passenger data comprises re-accommodation data.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the processing step comprises scoring passengers based on the set of rules, and displaying the score of each passenger.

9-23. (Cancelled).